

The Destruction of Satan and His Helpers

The Dragon (Satan, The Devil) – Chapter 12

The account of his attempts to destroy Messiah before He comes into the world.
Failing that he turns his attention to attempting to destroy the church in the world.

12:9-10 – Christians are more than conquerors – **Romans 8:31-34**

This victory does not stop spiritual and even physical warfare against us. **Rev. 12:17**
Satan is ultimately destroyed in Rev. 20.

The Beast Arising out of the Sea – 12:17b-13:1 (Anti-Christian Government)

1 John 2:18, 22

This is almost all governments that have been and currently are.

How does this beast make himself known? **13:5-7a**

The real enemy of anti-Christian government is God

Her animus is carried out against God's people -- the church.

The Beast's authority includes **13:7b-8**

Anti-Christian government rules over "those who dwell on the earth" and the lost agree with her anti-Christian rule. God draws His elect from the mass of "those who dwell on the earth."

The destruction of the Beast – is given in Chapter 19.

The Second Beast (known as the False Prophet) 13:11-14 (Anti-Christian Religion)

Human religion loves to combine with government.

False religion receives great power when it combines with government.

Nebuchadnezzar made a literal image that his subjects had to bow before and these Christians were beginning to suffer Roman persecution demanding emperor worship by burning incense.

16:13-16 -- The Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet – all in an unholy alliance -- rally their forces to fight directly against God -- (chapter 19 Armageddon) – where they are destroyed by the Second Coming.

Babylon -- Ch 14, 16, 17, 18 -- (Anti-Christian Society)

This is the great deceiver of those who dwell on the earth.

1. Those in her society take the Mark of the Beast (follow anti-Christian government)
2. Societal morals are the morals of those of who dwell on the earth (instead of in Heaven).
3. Babylon itself is the collective morality of society – this impacts our daily life more than government or religion.

Babylon seeks to make us concerned with the pursuits and pleasures of this life -- **17:4-6a, 17:15**

We must never become comfortable in Babylon – because she is the great prostitute that seeks to seduce us (spiritual adultery) away from God by her outward beauty that appeals to the flesh. **18:4**

1 John 2:16 -- For all that *is* in the world— the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

Babylon's destruction (pursuit of pleasure) is often destroyed – but one day will be destroyed forever **18:21**

Remember, Revelation is not chronological, it is cyclical. We see the Second Coming again and again, and even the destruction and judgment of the wicked again and again.